



YAKIMA SCHOOL DISTRICT #7
Facilities Assessment Community Team - FACT Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, February 12, 2025
Yakima, Washington

Members present

Amanda Voorhees, Annie Blake, Craig Smith, Hector Mendez, Joy Haughton, Leslie Cornejo, Leslie Morris, Maria Lucero, Marisol Guizar, Noemi Carrasco, Rita Bravo, Robyn Harris, Samantha Howell, Stacy Pietsch, Steve Brownlow

Non Voting Members present

Jake Kuper, Kim Newell, Liz Gonzalez, Hector Mendez, Dr. Maria Lucero

WELCOME & Introductions

Jake Kuper welcomed everyone to the FACT meeting and discussed with the committee the school district will be working on the budget for next year within the next few months after the Legislature is done with their session. He stated the committee will reconvene after he presents the budget to the Board and look at the overall status of the budget for next year and go from there in May. The committee agreed to wait until May in order to proceed with the discussion of consolidation.

Meeting Minutes: Hector Mendez moved to approve the minutes from the January 15, 2025, meeting as amended. Annie Blake seconded, and the motion was unanimously carried.

Review OSPI Demographics

Jake reviewed the data from the OSPI school report card by school (see slides).

Review Current Student Elementary Locations (K-5)

Jake reviewed the current map of student (K-5) locations by school which transportation worked on. He provided everyone with a link which you were then able to manipulate by school and grade (see slides).

Review Table showing RIF vs. Dispersing Staff

Jake reviewed the FTE capacity elementary staff dispersing. The graph showed an example of a school closure happening where the certificated staff were able to go to (see slides).

Review FTE Capacity Graph

Jake reviewed the FTE elementary perm capacity.

Review of Student Enrollment SY15/16-24/25

Jake reviewed the current enrollment and reviewed the steady decline. A question was asked about why the school district has been hiring teachers if we have been on

an enrollment decline trend? Jake stated that every year we have retirements, attrition and moves that happen every year therefore still need to hire teachers.

NEXT STEPS

- **Timeline Review:** Review Key milestones and deadlines for decisions-making and implementation.
- **Monitor Progress:** Establish a process for ongoing review and adjustment as next steps are carried out.
- **Budget:** The district will be in budget season this spring and as it develops we will update the FACT committee.
- **Legislative Updates:** Jake informed the FACT committee that as legislative sessions release budget-related news, Liz Gonzalez will forward updates to keep the committee informed.
- **Next Meeting:** The FACT committee will reconvene in May 2025 to review the new budget and any updated data. This will help with being able to make the most informed decisions.

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 6:45 pm.

Next FACT Meeting: 5/14/2025, 6-8 p.m. In-Person at YSD PDC (101 S 6th Ave)